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Nevada Tops in the Nation for Expending Energy Stimulus Funds

Lake Tahoe drivers can now see street signs better at night, softball players in Winnemucca will play under more energy efficient lighting, and Nevada law enforcement personnel can power their vehicles without their engines running thanks to an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG") Nevada was awarded in 2009.

More than 60 of these kinds of projects are in development in Nevada. In fact, the National Association of State Energy Officials, having reviewed U.S. Department of Energy ranking information, notified the Nevada State Office of Energy ("NSOE") that Nevada ranks number one in the United States for percentage of EECBG funds expended at 91 percent. Kentucky is a distant second with 59 percent while the national average stands at just 18 percent.

"It's exciting that Nevada leads the nation in this effort," NSOE Director Stacey Crowley said. "Our office has injected this stimulus money into Nevada's economy and many of our city and county recipients are beginning to realize the many energy saving projects, retrofits and renewable energy installations."

Nevada received \$9,593,500 from the grant that was allocated to Nevada cities and counties, as well as Emergency Vehicle Idle Reduction and Traffic Signals & Street Lighting Programs.

Caliente, Carlin, Ely, Fallon, Lovelock, Wells, West Wendover, Winnemucca, Yerington, and Esmeralda, Eureka, Lincoln, Mineral and Storey Counties received funding for energy efficient lighting, HVAC system upgrades, energy saving window treatments, insulation, weather stripping, building retrofits, and more. The Ely Fire Station, for example, is planning to power some of their facility with solar PV and heat their water with a new solar water heating system.

The Idle Reduction Program provided funding to the Washoe County Sheriff, Nevada Highway Patrol, and the Henderson, Las Vegas Metro and North Las Vegas Police Departments for new devices that help power computers, radios, lights bars and other equipment in their vehicles when the engine is off, resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The Traffic Signals & Street Lighting Program allocated funds to Nevada cities and counties to install energy efficient LED street lighting, traffic signals and street signs in Douglas, Lyon and Washoe Counties, and Fallon and Ely. Learn more about all the programs at www.energy.nv.gov.

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